

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
EASTERN DIVISION

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WOOD M. DEMING, M.D. and )  
REGIONAL CARDIOLOGY )  
CONSULTANTS, P.C., )  
Plaintiffs, )  
VS. ) No. 05-1032-T/An  
JACKSON-MADISON COUNTY )  
GENERAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT, )  
ET AL., )  
Defendants. )

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ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STRIKE

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On April 22, 2005, the defendants filed a motion to strike certain portions of the plaintiffs' complaint, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(f), which provides:

Upon motion made by a party . . . or upon the court's own initiative . . . , the court may order stricken from any pleading any insufficient defense or any redundant, immaterial, impertinent, or scandalous matter.

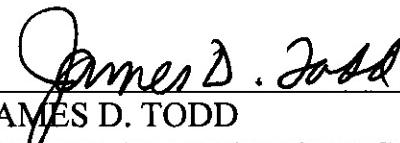
The purpose of a motion to strike under Rule 12(f) is to avoid expending the resources of the parties and the Court on litigating spurious issues. Kennedy v. City of Cleveland, 797 F.2d 297, 305 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986). However, it is "a drastic remedy to be resorted to only when required for the purposes of justice." Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. v. United States, 201 F.2d 819, 822 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1953). This is "[p]artly because of the practical

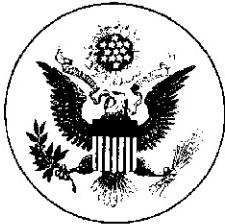
difficulty of deciding cases without a factual record.” Id. Therefore, such motions are disfavored and should be granted only “when the pleading to be stricken has no possible relation to the controversy.” Id.; see also 5C Charles Alan Wright & Arthur R. Miller, Federal Practice & Procedure § 1382.

The defendants list thirty-two paragraphs, or portions thereof, which they contend “consist mainly of puffing and bragging by plaintiff.” (Mot. to Strike at 2.) Defendants then state, “[t]hese allegations have no relevance to the issues in this matter and therefore should be stricken.” Id. That is the sole “analysis” by the defendants. There is no citation of authority or explanation of precisely why the allegations in the specified paragraphs are irrelevant to the issues in this case.

While the complaint is extremely detailed, perhaps overly so, without a factual record the Court cannot say that the portions challenged by the defendants have no possible relation to the controversy in this case. Accordingly, the motion to strike is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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JAMES D. TODD  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
  
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